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THE CLUB AT THE HEART OF THE NEW SUPER CITY

our visitors . . .

Back Row (*left to right*) Ron Staniforth (Senior Coach), Ken Knighton, Jimmy Mullen, James Craig, Peter Grummitt, Roy Coyle, Peter Springett, Bernard Shaw, Peter Eustace, Alan Thompson, Geoff Egginton (Physiotherapist).

Front Row (*left to right*) Eric Potts, David Sunley, Eddie Prudham, Mick Prendergast, Tommy Craig, John Holsgrove, Willie Henderson, Brian Joicey, Peter Rodrigues, John Sissons.

PEN PICTURES

1—Peter SPRINGETT. Born Fulham, May, 1946. Signed from Queen's Park Rangers May, 1967, in unique part-exchange deal for his international brother, Ron. England Under-23 honours and League Cup Winners' medal.

2—Peter RODRIGUES. Welsh international from Leicester City, October, 1970. Formerly with Cardiff City. Member of Welsh F.A. team to New Zealand, 1971.

3—Bernard SHAW. Joined Wednesday from Wolverhampton last June. An ex-Sheffield United player. Born Sheffield, March, 1945.

4—Alan THOMPSON. First impressed as captain of his native Liverpool's schoolboys. League debut when 18, in September, 1970.

5—John HOLSGROVE. Born Southwark. Signed for £50,000 from Wolves in June, 1970. With Spurs as a boy, then with Crystal Palace: 6/2¾, 12-4.

6—Ken KNIGHTON. Familiar figure in these parts through his excellent service with North End and Blackburn Rovers. His next move was to Hull who transferred him to the Wednesday last August.

7—Eric POTTS. Born Liverpool, 1950. Signed from Oswestry. League debut three years ago; 5/6, 10-2.

8—Mick PRENDERGAST. Born Denaby Main, November, 1950. Joined Wednesday from Don and Dearne Boys. Professional November, 1967. League appearances to this season 95, goals 30.

9—Brian JOICEY. Born at Winlaton, Northumberland, 1945. Signed from Coventry along with Clements. Leading scorer last two seasons with 16 and 15 goals.

10—Tommy CRAIG. Born Aberdeen, November, 1950. Captain of Scotland Youth team. Wednesday paid Club record fee of £100,000 for him in May, 1969. League appearances to 1973, 155; goals 30.

11—Daniel CAMERON. Promising 20-year-old. Reserve Scottish schoolboy international. No League appearances to this season.

FOCUS (See Front Cover)

TALL, long-legged, adaptable Neil Young, signed along with Dave Connor from Manchester City in January, 1972, will be best remembered for his spell-binding knack (not seen often enough) of banging in a "blinder", with free kicks his speciality, and for his deceptive skill and accuracy with corners. In 10 seasons (1961-71) Manchester-born Neil played in 329 League games for City and scored 86 goals. The goal he and City fans will never forget won the F.A. Cup at Wembley in 1969.

SHEFFIELD WED.

IT IS a pleasure to welcome the famous "Owls" back to Deepdale, for their thirty-third visit. Previous League matches resulted —

HOME							AWAY						
P.	*W.*	*D.*	*L.*	*F.*	*A.*	*Pts.*	*P.*	*W.*	*D.*	*L.*	*F.*	*A.*	*Pts.*
32	20	5	7	63	27	45	32	6	6	20	32	57	18

The outcome of meetings since our return to Division Two was —

1971-72 home 1-0 (16,903); away 0-1
1972-73 home 1-1 (15,600); away 1-2

When relegated three times in the 1950's Wednesday got back at the first attempt — on each occasion as Champions. Going down again in 1970 they have found the task more difficult —

	P.	*W.*	*D.*	*L.*	*F.*	*A.*	*Pts.*	*Pos.*
1970-71	42	12	12	18	51	69	36	15
1971-72	42	13	12	17	51	58	38	14
1972-73	42	17	10	15	59	55	44	10
1973-74	37	10	9	18	47	53	29	19

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A DROP into Division Three for the first time seemed likely but Wednesday rallied to score 10 goals in two decisive wins. The setback of two defeats, the second at Oxford on Saturday, has made to-day's match the more vital for both clubs.

It may be recalled that Wednesday had an extraordinary escape from relegation in 1928. Seemingly anchored at the bottom they revived to finish fourteenth with 39 points: 'Spurs went down with 38. In the following seven successive seasons Wednesday were League Champions twice, four times third, and F.A. Cup winners.

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ELECTED to Division One in 1892 Sheffield Wednesday have completed 70 Football League seasons with seven spells in each of the top two Divisions. They have spent 51 seasons in the premier group. Following is a summary of their record:-

			POSITION		POINTS			
PERIOD	Division	Seasons	High	Low	Best	Worst	Total	Average
1892-99	**1**	**7**	**5**	**18**	**33**	**24**	**198**	**28.2**
1899-00	2	1	1	..	54	..	54	54.0
1900-20	**1**	**16**	**1**	**22**	**49**	**23**	**624**	**39.0**
1920-26	2	6	1	14	60	38	273	45.5
1926-37	**1**	**11**	**1**	**22**	**60**	**30**	**501**	**45.5**
1937-50	2	6	2	20	53	32	269	44.8
1950-51	**1**	**1**	..	**21**	..	**32**	**32**	**32.0**
1951-52	2	1	1	..	53	..	53	53.0
1952-55	**1**	**3**	**18**	**22**	**35**	**26**	**97**	**32.3**
1955-56	2	1	1	..	55	..	55	55.0
1956-58	**1**	**2**	**14**	**22**	**38**	**31**	**69**	**34.5**
1958-59	2	1	1	..	62	..	62	62.0
1959-70	**1**	**11**	**2**	**22**	**58**	**25**	**465**	**42.3**
1970-73	2	3	10	15	44	36	118	39.3
		70					**2,870**	**41.0**

MANAGER

SOON after Derek Dooley's short spell of authority at Hillsborough —January, 1971 to last Christmas Eve—ended he was succeeded as team manager by Steve Burtenshaw, a native of Portslade, Sussex.

He arrived when Wednesday were struggling desperately to avoid relegation and has put confidence into the team.

An outstanding schoolboy player Steve captained Brighton and Sussex County teams and had an England trial. While doing his National Service he played for the British Army.

Joining Brighton and Hove from school he stayed for 17 years. Turning to the administrative side he was a coach with Arsenal and was similarly engaged with Q.P.R. when he joined Wednesday in February.

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WELL here we are in the throes of the most important few days of our Season, in the most important few games of my introduction into management, with two matches against Sheffield Wednesday and one against Oxford United over the Easter period, both of whom are in the throes of relegation themselves, the same as we are. Obviously the results of these fixtures give treble importance for the players and Clubs involved.

Preston North End start as second favourites in this struggle with the other Clubs knowing that survival depends upon which of these Clubs get the most points.

I am not saying for a moment that this trio are the only clubs involved. Football has always been classed as being a funny game, and who knows? If North End or either of the other Clubs we meet get the maximum points then other teams consequently go into the relegation zone.

Easter is the last great chance to win something or it can be an occasion when, if you fail, the three matches during this period prove decisive.

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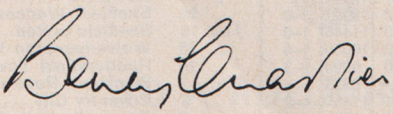
ON CHAT

We have not been playing at all badly lately and we certainly do not consider our aims of staying in the Second Division as wishful thinking.

To our supporters who have not had a great deal to cheer about, we ask for your every encouragement this week-end.

Easter is traditionally a holiday for people in most walks of life, but not football, and the playing staff will come under tremendous pressure at this time and we hope that we will have no more than our fair share of injuries, if we have any at all, because injuries particularly at this very crucial time can be so damaging in their effects, so we will be keeping our fingers crossed on that score as well as the results.

I would like, on behalf of all my staff, to wish everyone who follows Preston North End a very happy holiday.



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1938

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1960

First Team Record

DIVISION TWO 1973-74

1973–74	Opponents		Rslt.	Pts	Gate	72-3
Aug. 25	Aston Villa	a	0–2	0	28861	1–1
„ 29	**Bolton W. (LC1)**	a	**1–1**	–	**17101**	–
Sept. 1	Swindon Town	h	1–1	1	12034	1–1
„ 3	**Bolton W. (LC1 replay)**	h	**0–2**	–	**18571**	–
„ 8	Hull City	a	0–1	0	7009	2–6
„ 11	Millwall	h	2–0	2	10325	1–0
„ 15	Bristol City	h	1–1	1	10790	3–3
„ 18	West Bromwich Albion	a	2–0	2	11822	—
„ 22	Nottingham Forest	a	1–1	1	12598	1–0
„ 29	Portsmouth	h	2–1	2	10690	0–5
Oct. 1	West Bromwich Albion	h	3–1	2	15419	—
„ 6	Fulham	a	0–0	1	10520	3–1
„ 13	Sunderland	h	1–0	2	21747	1–3
„ 20	Notts County	a	1–2	0	12479	—
„ 22	Millwall	a	1–5	0	7625	1–4
„ 27	Cardiff City	h	2–2	1	12050	0–0
Nov. 3	Orient	a	2–2	1	12484	2–1
„ 10	Blackpool	h	1–3	0	21580	0–3
„ 17	Oxford U. (point deducted)	a	1–1	0	6750	2–0
„ 24	Luton Town	h	2–2	1	10279	2–0
Dec. 8	Bolton Wanderers	h	2–1	2	14715	—
„ 11	Middlesbrough	a	0–3	0	23980	0–0
„ 15	Crystal Palace	h	1–1	1	9121	—
„ 22	Portsmouth	a	0–3	0	13957	1–0
„ 26	Carlisle United	h	0–1	0	11446	1–0
„ 29	Hull City	h	2–0	2	10050	1–0
Jan. 1	Swindon Town	a	1–3	0	8299	2–3
„ 5	**Fulham (F.A. Cup 3)**	a	**0–1**	–	**6937**	—
„ 12	Bristol City	a	0–0	1	11450	1–2
„ 19	Aston Villa	h	0–0	1	10766	0–1
Feb. 3	Crystal Palace	a	0–2	0	24575	—
„ 10	Nottingham Forest	h	2–1	2	13486	2–1
„ 16	Sunderland	a	1–2	0	21192	0–0
„ 23	Fulham	h	0–1	0	9412	0–3
Mar. 2	Carlisle United	a	2–2	1	7671	1–6
„ 9	Cardiff City	a	0–2	0	7216	0–3
„ 16	Notts County	h	0–2	0	8907	—
„ 23	Blackpool	a	0–3	0	13243	0–2
„ 30	Orient	h	0–1	0	7650	0–0
April 6	Luton Town	a	2–4	0	11806	0–1
„ 12	Sheffield Wednesday	h				1–1
„ 13	Oxford United	h				0–1
„ 15	Sheffield Wednesday	a				1–2
„ 20	Bolton Wanderers	a				—
„ 27	Middlesbrough	h				0–1

First Team Goals : (League Cup) 1-Young.

(League) 36 Bruce 9 Young 7 (2 pens) Holden 4 Burns 4 Williams 2 Elwiss 2 Sadler 2 McMahon 1 Baxter 1 Spark 1 Bird 1 Stiles 1 Richardson (o.g.) 1

SECOND TEAM — CENTRAL LEAGUE

1973–74	Opponents		Rslt.	Pts
Aug. 25	Derby County	h	2–0	2
„ 27	Burnley	h	0–1	0
Sept. 1	Bury	a	2–2	1
„ 8	Liverpool	h	3–2	2
„ 14	Manchester City	a	3–3	1
„ 17	West Bromwich Albion	a	3–0	2
„ 22	Blackpool	h	1–2	0
„ 29	Leeds United	a	0–2	0
Oct. 6	Coventry City	h	1–1	1
„ 13	Sheffield United	a	0–1	0
„ 16	Derby County	a	1–1	1
„ 20	Bolton Wanderers	h	1–3	0
„ 27	Newcastle United	a	0–1	0
Nov. 3	Everton	h	0–5	0
„ 10	Manchester United	a	1–0	2
„ 24	Stoke City	a	2–2	1
„ 27	Sheffield Wednesday	a	1–2	0
Dec. 8	Nottingham Forest	a	1–2	0
„ 29	Blackpool	a	0–2	0
Jan. 1	Bury	h	1–2	0
„ 5	Burnley	a	0–2	0
„ 12	Manchester City	h	4–3	2
„ 19	Liverpool	a	1–3	0
„ 29	Sheffield Wednesday	h	1–1	1
Feb. 16	Sheffield United	h	2–1	2
„ 23	Wolverhampton Wanderers	a	2–3	0
„ 26	Huddersfield Town	a	2–2	1
Mar. 2	Blackburn Rovers	h	3–1	2
„ 5	Coventry City	a	1–4	0
„ 9	Newcastle United	h	0–2	0
„ 12	Leeds United	h	1–2	0
„ 16	Bolton Wanderers	a	0–4	0
„ 19	Blackburn Rovers	a	0–1	0
„ 23	Manchester United	h	1–0	2
„ 26	Aston Villa	h	0–0	1
„ 30	Everton	a	0–3	0
April 1	Wolverhampton W.	h	1–1	1
„ 6	Stoke City	h	1–1	1
„ 13	Aston Villa	a		
„ 15	West Bromwich Albion	a		
„ 19	Nottingham Forest	h		
	Huddersfield Town (postponed)	h		

First team appearances (37 League matches)

McMahon 37	Bird 23	Treacy 15	Healey 6
Burns 37	McNab 23	Snookes 13	Morley 5
Bruce 26	Baxter S. 22	Spark 12	Kelly 5
Hawkins 26	Sadler 20	Coleman 7	Spavin 4
Stiles 25	Holden 19	Williams 6	Hudson 1
Brown 25	Lamb 16	Elwiss 6	Wilson 1
Young 24			Smith 1

DIVISION TWO 1973-74 (inc. 6th April)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Middlesbrough	37	25	10	2	62	23	60
Luton Town	36	18	9	9	54	42	45
Orient	36	14	14	8	50	37	42
Blackpool	37	14	13	10	49	36	41
Carlisle United	36	16	9	11	54	41	41
Nottingham Forest	36	13	14	9	50	35	40
West Bromwich Albion	37	13	14	10	45	41	40
Sunderland	36	15	9	12	47	35	39
Bolton Wanderers	37	14	10	13	42	36	38
Fulham	37	14	10	13	32	34	38
Hull City	38	11	16	11	31	45	38
Notts County	38	14	10	14	51	57	38
Aston Villa	35	12	13	10	41	35	37
Millwall	37	12	12	13	46	45	36
Portsmouth	37	12	11	14	39	58	35
Bristol City	37	12	9	16	42	48	33
Cardiff City	37	9	13	15	42	55	31
Sheffield Wednesday	37	10	9	18	47	53	29
Crystal Palace	36	9	11	16	36	47	29
Oxford United	36	8	13	15	32	44	29
Preston North End	37	8	12	17	36	57	27
Swindon Town	38	5	11	22	33	67	21

CENTRAL LEAGUE 1973-74 (inc. 6th April)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Liverpool	37	24	7	6	69	29	55
Coventry City	36	19	9	8	58	43	47
Everton	37	18	10	9	61	35	46
Blackpool	37	20	6	11	60	42	46
West Bromwich Albion	37	17	10	10	57	42	44
Aston Villa	38	15	13	10	36	34	43
Wolverhampton Wanderers	36	16	10	10	60	43	42
Derby County	36	14	13	9	53	34	41
Sheffield Wednesday	36	15	10	11	51	41	40
Sheffield United	36	15	9	12	50	44	39
Manchester City	36	15	8	13	66	49	38
Manchester United	34	12	12	10	37	33	36
Nottingham Forest	38	10	16	12	46	54	36
Newcastle United	35	12	10	13	50	45	34
Stoke City	31	12	7	12	41	41	31
Bolton Wanderers	36	10	11	15	56	62	31
Blackburn Rovers	36	11	8	17	37	50	30
Leeds United	36	9	11	16	33	59	29
Preston North End	38	8	10	20	43	68	26
Huddersfield Town	38	6	10	22	38	73	22
Burnley	36	8	4	24	33	63	20
Bury	36	7	6	23	37	88	20

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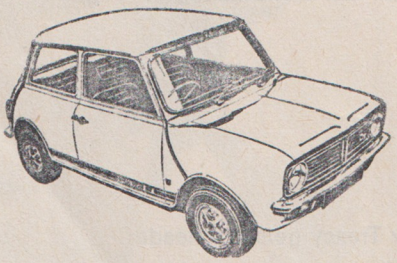

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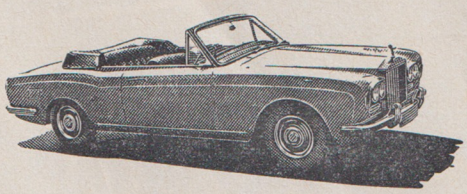

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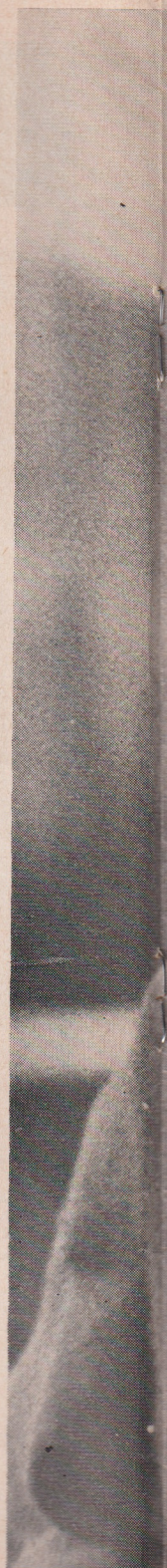
Ray Treacy gets in a header



Alan Kelly in a happy mood fighting to get fit

25 YEARS AGO

by WALTER PILKINGTON

1948-49 THE MATCH with that traditional Preston bogy side, Sunderland, at Deepdale on March 19th, 1949, was a memorable occasion through coinciding with the last League match for North End of Willie Shankly, that diehard warrior whose skill and spirit in his nine peacetime seasons at Preston had carved out a special niche for himself in the club's history.

It was not a season he could look back upon with any pleasure, save for a win at Huddersfield when he was recalled late in October. In and out of the side he made only six appearances. This increased his total to 297 (including one at centre half, two at left half). In addition, this indomitable character created a North End record by playing in 43 successive F.A. Cup-ties in nine seasons from his debut at Leeds in January, 1934.

Ten days later he started what was to become a brilliant managerial career, richly strewn with honours, by taking charge of Carlisle United. Like Finney and Matthews, his name was legend before he was 40.

Harry Anders

Second from the bottom for this vital match, North End lost it 1-3. Tom Finney was centre forward for most of the game, but it was Bob Langton, with a thunderbolt penalty kick, who scored his team's only goal. He got another from the spot in the next match which, due to the inspiration of a wonderful display by Finney, resulted in a 4-1 home win v. Sheffield U.

A star turn at inside right, he had been selected to play for the first time in a position other than outside right and for the rest of the season was an inside forward, Tommy Bogan or Harry Anders coming in on the right wing. In seven games as a schemer he scored three of 13 goals.

Unfortunately for North End Finney had to miss the match after the uplifting victory against Sheffield United owing to England requiring his services for the annual tussle with the Scots. He appeared at outside left and went on to achieve the probably unique feat of playing in five different positions-OR, CF, IR, OL and IL—in five successive matches.

In his absence from a visit to Preston's "graveyard" at Villa Park, the anti-climax was a shockingly inept display and a damaging 0-2 defeat. In the entire game North End gained only one corner kick. Centre half Harry Mattinson, signed from Middlesbrough on March 15th, made a creditable debut against barnstorming Trevor Ford.

(to be continued)

Flashback

A FERVENT wish by all associated with Deepdale is for a happier Easter than we usually get, going back over a lengthy period.

Even in the 1970-71 Division Three promotion season the holiday break produced dismaying results, coming as it did when the strain of keeping up with the top teams was beginning to tell.

On Easter Saturday 17,382 saw Tranmere force a 1-1 draw at Deepdale, a performance repeated there three days later by Bradford City. In between North End lost 0-1 at Reading (last seven games, five pts.).

A year later the results were: 2-5 at Cardiff, 1-4 at Bristol, 1-3 at home v. Sunderland (7 points from 13 matches in 1972). Last Easter began on a brighter note with a desperately needed 2-1 home win against Nottingham Forest. Alas it was followed by 1-2 at Bristol and the shock of a 0-1 home defeat by Oxford on Easter Tuesday night (April 24). A point from the remaining match averted relegation.

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OUR DIVISION

EASTER, as usual, ensured that several clubs will play matches which could vitally affect their future. For instance North End's three games are with teams also in the relegation zone but two points better off, a clear case of "make or break".

Middlesbrough with a colossal lead of 15 points aim to beat the postwar Division Two record of 63 and should do so easily. Luton's home win against North End made them favourites for runners-up and, likewise, a return to the First Division after a long absence.

Owing to Blackpool and Carlisle United losing last Saturday they face a harder task to edge a revived Orient out of third place. At the other end Crystal Palace's sustained transformation suggests they will yet get out of what had seemed to be a hopeless situation.

MOST	**wins 25** Middlesbro'	**defeats 22** Swindon T.	**goals for 62** Middlesbro'	**against 67** Swindon T.
FEWEST	**wins 5** Swindon T.	**defeats 2** Middlesbro'	**goals for 32** Fulham Oxford U.	**against 23** Middlesbro'

PROGRESS CHART

Positions on	Sept 22	Oct 27	Nov 24	Dec 29	Jan 26	Feb 24	Mar 10	Mar 23	Apl 6
Bristol City	1	4	9	12	15	16	15	16	16
Aston Villa	2	2	4	14	13	15	17	11	13
Nott'm. Forest	3	9	3	5	7	7	7	7	6
Fulham	4	15	14	10	16	11	12	14	10
Middlesbrough	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Orient	6	3	2	2	2	2	3	4	3
Luton Town	7	6	5	3	3	4	2	2	2
Bolton Wdr's	8	20	20	18	18	13	11	12	9
Cardiff City	9	19	18	16	11	17	16	18	17
Sunderland	10	12	12	11	14	10	10	9	8
Preston N.E.	11	8	13	15	17	18	18	20	21
Millwall	12	17	16	17	10	12	14	13	14
Blackpool	13	11	7	6	6	3	5	3	4
Notts County	14	5	6	8	9	8	9	8	12
West Brom. A.	15	14	10	4	5	6	4	6	7
Portsmouth	16	13	15	13	12	14	13	15	15
Sheffield Wed.	17	16	19	20	20	20	20	17	18
Swindon Town	18	21	21	21	21	22	22	22	22
Carlisle United	19	7	8	7	4	5	6	5	5
Oxford United	20	18	17	19	19	19	19	19	20
Hull City	21	10	11	9	8	9	8	10	11
Crystal Palace	22	22	22	22	22	21	21	21	19

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The contestants for the honour are shown in capitals in the appended table of League and Cup success —

	LEAGUE TITLE			F.A. CUP FINAL	
	First	Second	Third	Won	Lost
1970	Everton	LEEDS	Chelsea	Chelsea	LEEDS
1971	ARSENAL	Leeds	'Spurs	ARSENAL	Liverpool
1972	Derby	LEEDS	Liverpool	LEEDS	Arsenal
1973	Liverpool	Arsenal	LEEDS	Sunderland	LEEDS
		undecided			
1974	Leeds	LIVERPOOL	Derby	LIVERPOOL	Newcastle

Only Arsenal, so far, have equalled the "double" achievement of Preston N.E., Aston Villa and 'Spurs.

If Liverpool become the fifth it will be a wonderful climax to 13 years of success since promotion in 1962.

	League Division One		F.A. Cup
	Position	*Points*	
1963	8	44	Lost in semi-final
1964	1	57	
1965	7	44	Cup winners
1966	1	61	
1967	5	51	
1968	3	55	
1969	2	61	
1970	5	51	
1971	5	51	Losing Finalists
1972	3	57	
1973	1	60	
1974 Apr. 6	2	50	Cup Finalists

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1—HOW did the familiar nickname "Owls" originate?
2—WHY are Wednesday so called?
3—WHAT did they celebrate on Sept. 5th, 1967?
4—WHAT is ironic about the present average crowd?

QUIZ ANSWERS

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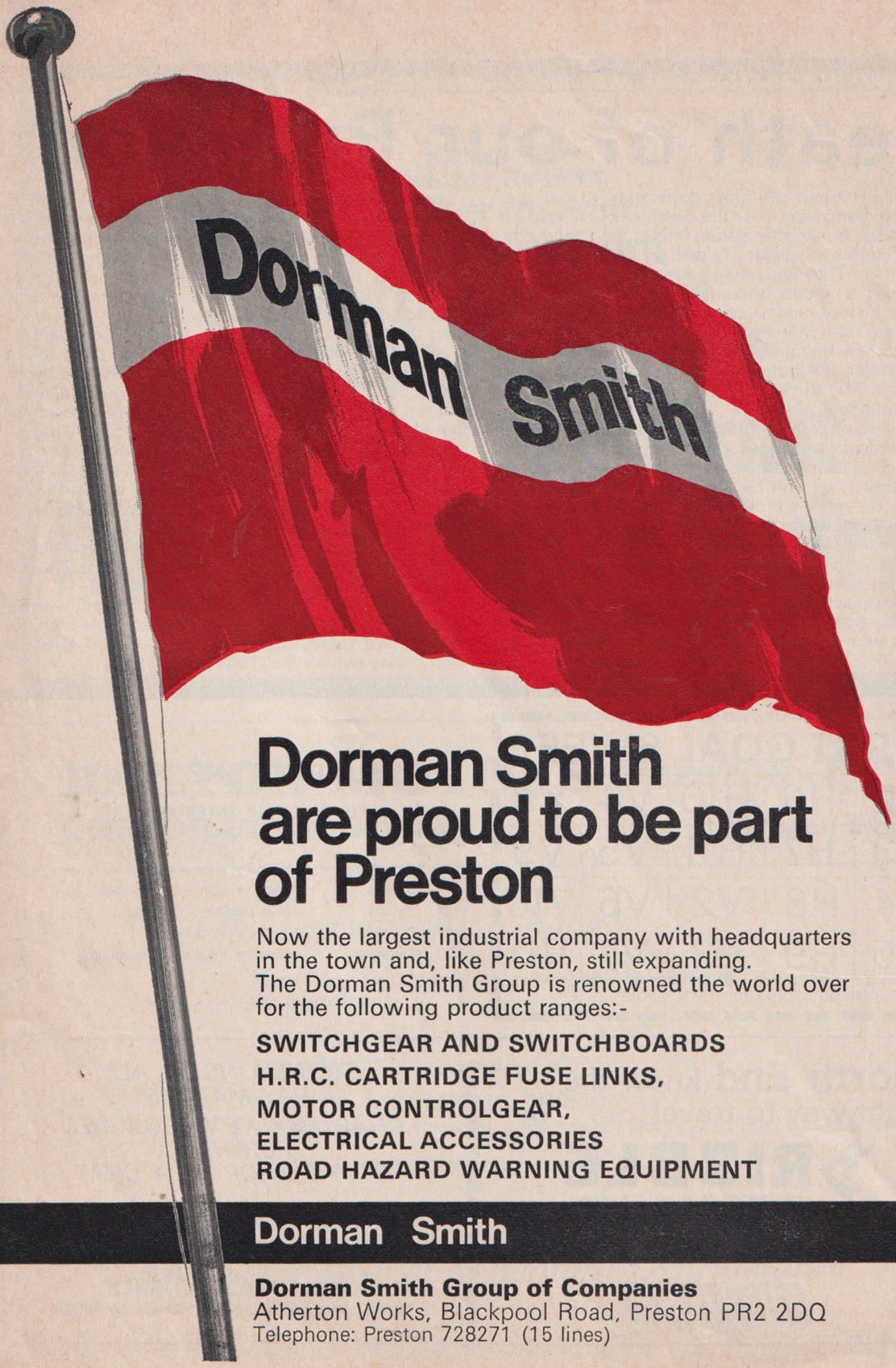

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Death of our President

NORTH END join the older generation of our supporters in sorrowing over the death of our President, Mr. Nathan Buck, after a long illness, and send condolence to the relatives. He was 86. Mrs. Buck died in October. They leave two sons and a daughter.

He was a widely esteemed figure in the club's modern history, and lived at Bankfield, Broughton. Chairman, from March, 1950, to October 16th, 1962, he was then unanimously appointed life-president.

As Walter Pilkington wrote in his *Evening Post* tribute to Mr. Buck, "He was a Prestonian with a strong-minded personality and a dry sense of Lancashire humour; a forthright, quietly determined North End zealot who eaned recognition as one of the game's outstanding and sharp-thinking characters. A great North Ender, he will be long and affectionately recalled. He gave almost a life-time of service."

From the club's point of view he believed in devotion to duty, loyalty to his colleagues and fair dealings with the players and administrative staff, and consistently put these principles into practice.

His happiest days were in the 1930's when North End's rise from obscurity to the classiest team in The League was a romance. For many years he was the valued first lieutenant of his predecessor, Mr. Jim Taylor. In partnership they did more that anyone behind the scenes to raise a famous club from almost the depths of despair to a near pinnacle of glory.

During his early active association, starting with his election to the Board in August, 1930, North End returned to the First Division after nine seasons' absence, figured in two successive Cup Finals, winning the second in 1938 when third in the League.

He could look back with immense pride on a wonderful revival, remembering that North End in April, 1930, when lacking funds and good players, averted relegation to Division Three only by winning three late Easter games. In December, 1931 "gates" had slumped to fewer than 7,000 and 18 matches had yielded only 13 points. Happily the acquisition from Tottenham Hotspur of international forwards Ted Harper and Dick Rowley resulted in 29 points being gained from the remaining 24 matches.

The following season Mr. Buck went on an "action committee" of four which successfully ran the club without a manager until April, 1936.

The later, more familiar years of his Deepdale saga, brought the War Cup/League double, Tom Finney's arrival, two more Cup Finals, and record Division One points twice - 56 (1957), 59 (1958).

FIRST GOAL SWEEP

H2	H6	H10	V4	V8
H3	H7	H11	V5	V9
H4	H8	V2	V6	V10
H5	H9	V3	V7	V11

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Saturday, April 13th, 1974 — DIVISION TWO — Kick-off 3-0 p.m.
PRESTON NORTH END v. OXFORD UNITED

Tuesday, April 16th, 1974 — Preston & District League — Kick off 6-15 p.m.
RED ROSE CUP FINAL

Friday, April 19th, 1974 — CENTRAL LEAGUE — Kick off 6-30 p.m.
Preston North End Reserves v. Nottingham Forest Reserves

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